

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER PROTECTION

TO: Legislative Regulation Review Committee
Capitol Building, Hartford, Connecticut

FROM: William M. Rubenstein, Commissioner of Consumer Protection
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SUBJECT: Proposed Regulations Concerning Controlled Substances

Enclosed please find the original and eighteen copies of the above-referenced proposed regulations and fiscal note in accordance with Section 4-170 of the Connecticut General Statutes. If you should have any questions, please call Attorney Jerry Padula of my legal staff at 860/713-6087.

SUMMARY OF REGULATION

Connecticut General Statutes Section 21 a-243 permits the Commissioner of Consumer Protection to classify certain drugs as controlled substances. The purpose of these proposed regulations is to amend existing sections to add certain drugs to the schedules of controlled substances as directed by Public Act 2011-73 and Public Act 201 1-210. Drugs listed in these schedules of controlled substances are more highly regulated than other prescription drugs. These drugs have increased security and recording requirements, and violations of the associated laws yield greater criminal penalties. Therefore, the drugs added to the schedules of controlled substances by these proposed regulations will be more highly regulated, which will lead to a higher level of public safety.

The Department's proposed regulation adds "synthetic marijuana" compounds and the substances "Salvia Divinorum" and "Salvinorin A" to the list of controlled substances, pursuant to Public Act 2011-73 (Senate Bill 1098)

The proposed regulation also adds Mephedrone (4-methylmethcathinone); and MDPV (3,4-methylenedioxypyrovalerone) to the list of controlled substances, pursuant to Section 3 of Public Act 2011-210 (House Bill 6554). The related drug 3,4-methylenedioxy-N-methycathione (methyldone) has likewise been added, per the request of the Department's Director of Drug Control, as the Federal Drug Enforcement Administration has recently designated this drug as a Schedule I controlled substance via its emergency scheduling authority. These substances, commonly known as bath salts, have recently been the focus of drug abuse.

These proposed regulations alter the list of controlled substances set forth in section 21 a-243-7 of the current regulations. The updates are due to statutory changes.

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